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St. Teresa's parishioners gather to celebrate the Potrero Hill church's 120th anniversary.

Central Waterfront Neighborhood Plan Seeking Ideas from Area Residents

By Sarah Howard

More than 45 people were treated to a colorful workshop hosted by the San Francisco Planning Dept. at the Hill's Daniel Webster Elementary School May 3.

The workshop, themed "Better Neighborhoods 2002" was designed to help the Planning Dept. begin to understand what elements of the neighborhood should act as guiding principles as they begin to prepare their master blueprint for the development of the Central Waterfront.

Although the boundaries of the neighborhood plan are still not completely solidified, it will run roughly between Mariposa Street and Islais Creek and Illinois Street to just below the Interstate 280 freeway.

Among the well-armed local activists attending the session were members of a group that had banded together last year to create a 60-page community land use recommendation report. This report detailed suggestions accumulated from months of work by the Potrero Central Waterfront Committee. The document outlines the history of the area, a description of qualities that make the area so special, pleas for respectful change, and practical key recommendations for acceptable growth.

The motivation to produce a master plan for neighborhood development is to "create areas where housing can be encouraged," said San Francisco city planner Jasper Rubin. And that challenge is a formidable one. The city needs to find housing for an estimated 20,000 new residents and space for 60,000 more jobs by 2010, according to the planning department. Also targeted for neighborhood plans are Balboa Park and Market/Octavia, in other parts of the city.

By creating a specific plan, one that is agreed upon by the community in advance, activists can hopefully get beyond what Gabriel Metcalf of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) calls "site-by-site battles. Instead," he adds, "move beyond...and plan for cumulative neighborhood change." Hence the idea for the workshops. (See sidebar for elements that were considered at the workshop and acted as an outline for discussion.)

Given this forum for open dialogue, the audience was enthusiastic in its participation. "Save Esprit Park," yelled one neighborhood activist. "No selfstorage," insisted another. "Respect the authenticity," suggested yet another long-time resident of the area. All ideas were welcomed, all suggestions gathered and placed on huge pads of

paper and then reiterated during an introductory speech given by David Alumbaugh, Project Manager for the San Francisco Planning Dept. But, can they all be accommodated?

"We can't promise we can do everything you ask," said Alumbaugh during his speech describing the consensus building process, but all indications are that the department wants to learn about the community's concerns. And, most activists were more than willing to speak up.

My impression is that these workshops are really just the starting point," said community activist John Borg. "The planning department wanted an opportunity to say 'Hey, this is who we are.' This workshop was a kind of interactive way for the department to develop a dialogue."

In addition to discussing the very specific recommendations outlined in the Potrero Central Waterfront Committee Community Land Use Recommendations Report, participants also emphasized the importance of attracting shops to the area.

"We need coffee shops, dry cleaners, a place for groceries," said Borg, "businesses that are going to serve this bigger residential community. Hopefully, these businesses will be located on the ground floor and be built in a timeframe

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St.Teresa's Celebrates Its 120th

In 1880, St. Teresa's became an independent parish covering an area from Carolina Street, on the west, to the Bay and from the China Basin channel south to Army Street. Within a year, a factory building had been converted into a church at 20th and Third Streets.

In 1892, the parish built the present Church at 19th and Tennessee Streets, a block from Third Street. The parish was unscathed by the great fire of 1906, which brought many new residents. In 1912, eight Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM) came to staff a new parochial school on 19th and Pennsylvania Streets.

In the boom years of World War I and the twenties, industry grew rapidly along Third Street and the Bay, displacing many residents. In 1924 the church on Tennessee Street was sliced in two and moved eight blocks west up 19 th Street to Connecticut Street and reassembled. Most reluctantly St. Teresa's School had to be closed in 1974 for lack of enrollment. Fortunately two of the PBVM sisters. Kathleen Healy and Lucia Lodolo, are still with the church as pastoral associates.

Over the past century St. Teresa's, the new pasture, has been blessed by eight shepherds. The longest serving were Father Patrick O'Connell for 30 years, Monsignor Peter Flynn for 31 years, and since 1970, the current pastor Father Peter Sammon.



GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thurs, of each month (July 6) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept. to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. Refreshments after the Forum.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the first Mon. of the month (July 3) from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tues, of each month (June 13/July 11) at 7:00 p.m. in the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. For more information call Bob Boileau at 826-6359.

Starr King Park Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: July 12) at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. The Sat. morning work parties at 9 a.m. will continue every month on the third Sat., (June 17/July 15). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Sts.

Potrero Hill Garden Club meets the last Sunday of the month (June 25/July 30) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.

Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn. meets the last Tuesday of the month (June 27/July 25) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 - 20th St. For details call Dick Millet at 861-0345.

Dogpatch Neighborhood Assn. meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 7 - 9 p.m. Please call 648-3436 for location and alternative date for July meeting.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session only. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.

PHAB (Potrero Hill Association of Merchants & Businesses) meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut St at 18th St. If you own or operate a business on Potrero Hill, we encourage you to attend. The next meeting will be June 13.



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Ballpark Traffic

Editor:

Potrero Hill has not been overrin with traffic, as expected, by the activities at the Giants Ballpark. But this wasn't just a miracle, it took a few years of intense planning by city departments and immediate neighhorhoods.

Potrero Hill's opposition to the stadium this last time at the ballot was not strong enough to defeat the hig money guys But we didn't give up, we were determined to save the neighborhood from heing devastated by the stadium's presence in our midst. The promoters were also trying to make this one a success after a few defeats.

Rincon Point-South Beach Citizens Advisory Committee requested and received approval as the official citizens committee on ballpark matters. Potrero Hill was given representation on this committee because of our proximity.

Another very important committee vital to the smooth operation of the ballpark was the Transportation Coordinating Committee. It was composed of all agencies that had anything to do with

The ballpark at King and 3rd Streets seats 40,800 people. The Giants have 5,000 parking spaces, 3,000 already sold to season ticket holders. Traffic could get worse from motorists trying to park before the ballgame. This committee was to get the fans to use buses, trains, streetcars, cabs, walk, bicycles, skate to games, or use the ferry terminal. They did a great job.

Those who insisted on driving found lots of restrictions. Some intended to keep traffic moving and others intended to prevent the disruption of neighborhood residents' lives. New parking and turning restrictions abound as far away as 16th St

All forms of the news media deserve great credit for informing the fans to use public transit. Some of us had visions of traffic being so thick and gridlocked. that we would have to tippie toe across the roofs of cars to reach our destina-

Fans in the Peninsula. Bay Area and suburbs, we appreciate your consideration. There were some problems the first day, but those were corrected. As a special concession at closing time, entertainment activities were planned at another pier to divert the crowd from closing time congestion. No one person can take the credit for relatively smooth sailing. You all did your share and Potrero Ilill loves you for not allowing our neighborhood to be trashed. But it is too soon to let our guard down.

Even the Giants and I wound up friends, because I did get invited to the opening reception and game. THANKS GUYS!

Babette Drefke Kansas Street



Omega Graduates

Editor:

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and the Omega Boys Club are extraordinarily proud of two of their prized pupils who have recently graduated from college.

Shervon Hunter, who was raised on Potrero Hill and went through Starr King Elementary and Potrero Hill Middle School, and Wilson High School, just finished receiving a Bachelors Degree in Psychology at Delaware State College at Dover, Delaware And she raised her two small daughters on campus!

The other Hill resident, Donald Gregory, an unbelievable young man, just graduated from Fort Hays State College in Hays. Kansas with a degree in Criminology. Donald's family are lifelong residents of Potrero Hill and were teatured on a Public Television special about his turnaround to success with the Omega Boys Club. Donald now plans to become a counselor for the Juvenile Probation Department.

We are very excited over the success of these two gifted young people from our Potrero Hill community.

Jack Jacqua Omega Boys Club



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"HARRY POTTER" SETS THE STAGE FOR SUMMER READING CLUB MAGIC

The child in your life can expect a magic carpet trip of fun and prizes when he or she joins and participates in this year's Summer Reading Club. It began on June 3 and ends on August 5. Each child may sign up at only one location at any branch of the San Francisco Public Library. Visit the library to choose books and log in time read.

Small prizes will be awarded to children who read for two, four and six hours during the nine weeks. One grand prize will be awarded to each child who reads for eight or more hours. Children are encouraged to read in any language they choose. Preschool children can participate in the Summer Reading Club by having someone read to them. An awards ceremony takes place for all participants, to which friends and family are invited, after the program ends. This year's theme—"Reading is Magic" — draws its inspiration from the success of the Harry Potter series

SUMMER READING KICKOPP EVENT: WALT ANTHONY MAGIC SHOW

The Summer Reading Club will start with an exciting Spellbinder Magic Show featuring Walt Anthony. Amaze your friends and encourage them to sign up with you on Saturday, June 10, at 4 p.m. Those who have pre-registered as of June 3 will be able to log in their hours, and those who have not yet registered can do so after the magic show ends.

SUMMER READING SPECIAL EVENTS

The schedule of Reading is Magic special programs is as follows:

- * Saturday, June 24, 4 p.m. Broceliande Music Quartet for all ages.
- * Saturday, July 1. 4 p.m. The Art of the Chinese Storyteller with Charlie Chin.
- * Saturday, July 8, 4 p.m.. Musical Storytelling with Megan Bierman.

SUMMER READING AWARDS

On Saturday, Aug. 12, summer readers will receive recognition for the fun they've had reading with a special award ceremony. This year's featured performer is the incomparable performance artist, Derique, an accomplished actor and mime. Not to be missed!

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 15, 22 and 29; July 13, 20 and 27; Aug. 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Storytime takes place on Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19 and 26; Aug. 2, 9, 15, 23 and 30.

Preschool-age films are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, June 5, 10 a.m. and Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., "Blueberries for Sal"; Tuesday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m., "Officer Buckle and Gloria."

NETSCAPE TERMINALS ON THEIR WAY

Access to the Netscape browser will soon be available at the Potrero Branch library. Rewiring is taking place and new furniture to house children's room terminals is being ordered with the expectation that by early summer, Netscape will be part of our landscape. Owing to heavy use of Netscape to access e-mail,

it will be necessary to sign up for 30 minute intervals. Some terminals will be reserved for access to the library's catalogue and databases so that access to bibliographic information will not be obstructed by Internet use.

MORE "DESIGNER" CHAIRS - MORE THANKS IN ORDER

A few months ago, we thanked Potrero Hill design specialist Alex Handy in advance for adding life through art to some old, tired-looking, but solidly-built chilrren's room chairs. That was even before we had a chance to see the work Alex did on them. Alex chose a "Milky Way" motif to decorate the chairs, and the results leave both children and admiring adults entranced. Since making his initial commitment to the project, Alex has become busy with increased career demands but other artists have stepped forward to volunteer their talents.

Chairs with decorative designs by Rab Terry offer playful renderings of insects and complementarty design patterns. We look forward to more "designer" chairs painted by Delisa of Collage Gallery. Kids who used to just want to take books and videos home, now also want to take home the furniture! Thanks to Alex, Rab and Delisa for sharing their creative talents with the library.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

- * Tremain, Rose. "Music and Silence."
 Dazzling, imaginative, powerfully atmospheric work set in 17th-century Denmark shows compelling psychological and moral density.
- * Harrison, Kathryn. "The Binding Chair, or, A visit from the Foot Emancipation Society: a Novel." Spans the life of an imperial Chinese woman subjected to the ancient and brutal tradition of footbinding in the waning years of the 19th Century. Inventive, profocative. Mines political assumptions of femininity and a woman's "place."
- * Darling, Julia. "Crocodile Soup."
 Edgy, richly imagined, well-crafted debut that charts the search for love of a 30-ish lesbian whose life is a long nightmare interrupted by the kindness of a few men and women.
- * De Grazia, Don. "Powerful debut about a young man's search for a way to belong. Explores racism and rage in Chicago in the late '80s.
- * Bingham, Jonathan. "Lightning on the Sun." An American in Cambodia with a burgeoning drug problem and debts to a loan shark tries to smuggle heroin to his girlfriend in NYC. Gripping, worthy legacy from writer who died in 1999.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER POR KIDS

- * Russo, Marabina. "Mama Talks Too Much"
- * Masurel, Claire. "Ten Dogs in the Window"
- * O'Brien, Patrick. "Gigantic! How Big were the Dinosaurs?"
- * Wells, Rosemary. "Emily's First 100 Days of School"
- * Wolf, Bernard. "Cuba: After the Revolution"

Toba Singer Branch Librarian

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HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFRONTS CHALLENGES

Teachers at Potrero Hill Middle School were pushing for a restructuring plan, but met with resistance from Acting Principal Paul White, who had replaced Dr. Sam Rodriguez. White agreed that restructuring was necessary but disagreed with many aspects of the plan proposed by the teachers. The teaching staff was highly critical of the administration and the handling of discipline. In 1990, the school's number of suspensions was the highest in the District. Critics stressed that 78 percent of those disciplined were black, although black students comprised only 22.8 percent of the school's population.

DANIEL WEBSTER "AT RISK" PLAN IS WORKING

For the three years before 1990, curricula and responsibilities had been shared between administration and staff at the Daniel Webster Elementary School, making it one of the first schools in the District to use a "restructuring" method. Through a program developed by Prof. Henry Levin of Stanford University, students targeted as prime drop-out candidates because of their socio-economic backgrounds received special help with schoolwork, in the form of additional teaching staff and, materials, and a concentration of smaller classroom groups so individual attention can be offered directly to the child.

THE NABE SPONSORS A CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House girls club launched a graffiti "paintout" in the Potrero Hill Public Housing Project in May, 1990. The Housing Authority gave its permission, supplies, paints and blessings. The girls were aided by Neighborhood House counselors and neighbors.

HILL DEMOCRATIC CLUB DEBATES MISSION BAY HOUSING ISSUE

At a forum sponsored by the Potrero Hill Democratic Club in May, 1990, housing activist Calvin Welch charged that the Mission Bay project would create housing at the high end and jobs at the low end of the economic scale. Mission Bay will export the affordable housing shortage to surrounding communities, he charged.

FINAL PROPOSAL POR ARKANSAS STREET HOUSING UNVEILED

The final proposal submitted to the City Planning Department in May, 1990 would include 29 artists live/work spaces required to be "permanently affordable" to artists with average incomes of \$15,000 a year, as well as 60 market rate condominiums. Potrero Commons, the organization that has been fighting the development, still proposed that the area be reserved as open space.

30th ANNIVERSARY OP PIREHOSING OF PROTESTORS AT CITY HALL

Arden Arnautoff, who has been a participant in a protest aginst the activities of the House Unamerican Activities Committee in 1960, recalled how the peaceful demonstration had been turned into a police riot, with firehoses being turned on the crowd waiting outside the hearing room, people being dragged down the City Hall steps, and being beaten with nightsticks when they tried to hang onto the handrails.

HOUSING DIRECTOR REVIEWS PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS

City Housing Authority Director David Gilmore, speaking at a meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club in June, 1990, said the major issues facing the agency serving 44,000 public housing residents were the high vacancy level, a backlog of deferred maintenance, and major safety issues. He hoped that a newly-organized maintenance program would help to achieve a 98 percent occupancy rate. He noted that the agency had received 1.5 million in federal funds for additional police services to public housing and surrounding areas. Gilmore disputed the proposals of those who wanted to convert public housing stock to tenant ownership, pointing out that the average income of public housing tenants was less than half of the official poverty level.

LANZARIN AND WALLACH REPEAT WINS IN SCENIC SCAMPER

Eddie Lanzarin led the field in the 8th Potrero Hill Annual Scenic Scamper for the sixth time. The winner in the women's field for the third time was Marilyn Taylor-Wallach. Prizes were awarded to many others in various age groups. The youngest finisher was four-year-old Lashawnda Thomas.

CITY PRESENTS HILL ARTIST'S PAINTING TO SOVIET PREMIER

Nobuo Watanabe, a 17-year resident of the Hill, had become a well-known and successful artist whose work commanded five-figure prices. Mayor Art Agnos' wife, Sherry, decided that Watanabe's painting of a Powell Street Cable Car would be a perfect gift for Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, who was visiting the city at that time.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

The first-ever picket line organized and walked by doctors at San Francisco General Hospital was mounted to protest 100-hour weeks worked by residents and interns at the hospital. . . seven students at Potrero Middle School attended a meeting of the San Francisco School Board to protest the board's imposition of cuts in staffing, equipment and resources . . . In May, 1980, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a vote on changes to the rent control ordinance, including a ban on passing on utility costs by landlords to renters, partial control of vacant units, and stringent penalties for wrongful eviction.

And in June 1980, SF Renters Alliance attacked Mayor Dianne Feinstein's veto of rent control reform as "an insult to the renter majority in San Francisco and an example of a horrendous conflict of interest" . . . tenants of Potrero Hill public housing and three other low-income housing facilities filed suit against the Housing Authority to force the city to provide the maintenance and repairs needed to bring the housing units up to the normal living standards required by law . . . a meeting at the Nabe discussed ways to deter street crime on the Hill. One proposal was closing the 22nd Street stairway from Wisconsin to Arkansas Streets . . . picnic facilities planned for Jackson Park . . . the Summer Youth project provided 165 jobs during the vacation period . . . a strike of interns and residents at San Francisco General Hospital was averted by an agreement by the Dept. of Public Health to improve patient care, increase stating, provioe translators on all shifts and adequate ward laboratories the Julian Theater presented Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land" . . . Dick Partee and the North Beach Jazz Septet provided a free concert sponsored by the Neighborhood House.

Bernie Gershater

Luge Event to Take Over De Haro Street on July 8

"The Streets of San Francisco: a Luge Event" will take place on Potrero Hill's De Haro Street July 8.

This will mean no on-street parking on De Haro Street beginning on July 7, the day before the event. Cross street traffic will be heavily controlled locked down - during the luge event.

The organizers are promising De llaro Street residents "their right to ingress and egress from their homes during the entirety of the event," and say they will provide a "special block representative" from J&A Productions "to handle

any problems or concerns and also assisting with comings and goings of residents, family, friends and visitors."

Organizers of the event have called a meeting to explain the situation to area residents, set for Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at the Potrero Ilill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street.

The event will benefit the Potrero

J&A Productions, organizers of the event, may be reached at 408/360-9501

<tamandandy@japroductions.com>.

Hill Health and Job Fair

or by e-mail at

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Walk to shops: A great neighborhood has everyday stores and services within an easy walk from home.

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Getting around easily: A great neighborhood has many ways to get

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City Services: A great neighborhood has a range of public services for residents.

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Part of the whole: Great neighborhoods make great cities.

Provided by Better Neighborhoods 2002

Neighborhood Planning Begins For the Central Waterfront Area

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where not all the housing development will happen before the stores come in."

The compilation of all specific requests was to have been made available by mid-May, but by View's press time, they had still not been compiled. Interested followers can check on Better Neighborhoods 2002 website: www.sfgov/planning/neighborhoodsplans

The evening's discussion also included the fate of Pier 70, the property known as the old Bethlehem Steelyard, although the Planning Dept. does not have jurisdiction over the Port. The Central Waterfront plan will extend as far as Illinois Street and then from there, the Port of San Francisco has authority.

Diane Oshima, Planning Manager for the Port of San Francisco, completed years of meetings with community members to develop the Port Waterfront Land Use Plan, which includes Pier 70 and was adopted in 1997. Because the Port is under public trust it is supposed to restrict its land use to maritime or industrial purposes. This means that the Central Waterfront Plan should somehow cohesively match the Port's plan. "Surrounding land uses should not inhibit or preclude maritime businesses or potential maritime businesses in this area," Oshima pointed out.

This stated concern is a code phrase for possible area of upcoming tension. If the Port is to honor its commitment to maintain maritime use, and surrounding development wants to situate all along the new light rail line on Third Street, there could be sparks flying on both sides of Illinois Street.

"That's why it's a benefit that we work together," said city planner Rubin. "It's mutual respect and understanding. Just

because there is a jurisdictional line, it does not mean that activities on either side of it are going to happen independently. Typically there's been a lot of coordination."

This is one reason the Planning Department is conducting such careful advanced planning. But community activist Borg summed up the main reason quite well: "This is an important part of San Francisco. I am optimistic because they [the Planning Dept.] are coming to talk to us as opposed to telling us what development will take place. It shows we are on the radar screen."

This neighborhood plan will not, however, be ready for at least another two years. "We will try to move as fast as possible to complete the final plan and have it adopted," said Planning Dept. manager Alumbaugh. "Until it is adopted, projects are subject to the planning controls now in place."

That means the site-by-site battles currently in process cannot count on help from Better Neighborhoods 2002. "By the time (the plan) is done this will be a different place," said Borg. "Live/ work developments are in the pipeline already. It's important that the community participates in this process. Everything is happening at exponential speed. We need to define this plan as soon as possible, before this place is changed forever."

For upcoming Better Neighborhoods 2002 community events call Jasper Rubin, Plan Coordinator, at 558-6310. A bus tour of other neighborhoods was scheduled on June 3, a neighborhood walk on June 8. A follow-up workshop is slated in mid-July titled: "What We've Learned and Heard." Note that some events require advanced sign up. Call the Planning Dept. for further informa-



MUNI Tix at Nabe

MUNI tickets are available at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., Mondays through Fridays during office hours, 10 am-4 pm

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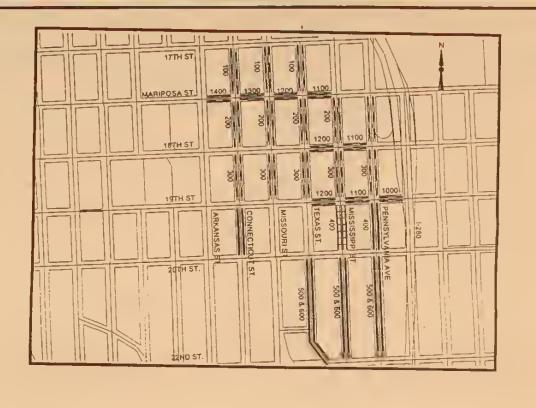
Some streets on Potrero Hill may have permit parking as soon as this August as a result of the May 2 decision by the city's Parking and Traffic Commission to place the plan establishing a new permit area on the Board of Supervisors' consent calendar.

The plan was instituted by petitions signed by residents on Potrero Hill blocks between 17th and 22nd Streets, and Arkansas Street and the 280 Freeway.

A detailed map on this page indicates which streets will have a two hour time limit, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday, and which streets will have a three hour time limit from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — business hours — and then a two hour time limit from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Residents of these streets can be exempt from these limits by purchasing a residential parking permit for their automobiles.





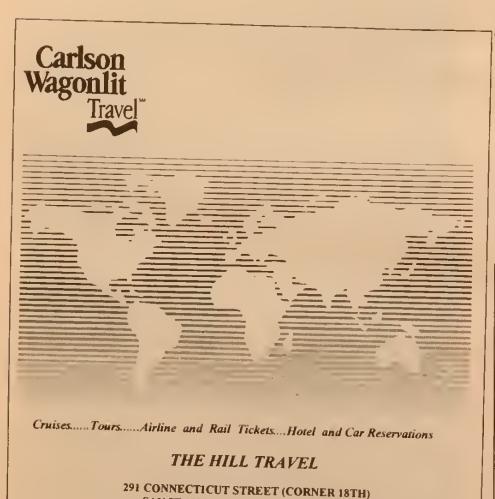
Residents initially petitioned to have their block included and then changed their mind.

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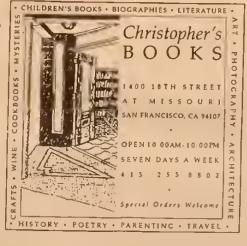
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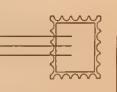
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Cross-Country Walking Shows Hill's Don Moseman That He's Really Free

By Bernie Gershater

Sixty-year-old "Walking Don" Mose-man has lived all his life on Potrero Hill, with time out for the 40 years or so he spent in penal institutions. He was in foster care as a child, in Juvenile Hall a number of times from the age of nine, then years in the California Youth Authority, and eventually a total of 17 years in San Quentin. He was paroled in 1989, with a stern warning that he would go up for life if he committed another crime.

It was then that he started walking.
After years of being penned up in a tiny cell, and constantly having to worry about both other convicts and the guards, Moseman says he had learned how to do time. Then he had to learn how to live in the world.

He started walking in San Francisco, from Potrero Ilill down to the Ferry Building and back. He walked all over the city. He would walk to the Golden Gate Bridge, but didn't cross because he felt as if chains were holding him back. Then he decided he could do it. It had taken his body a long time to learn that he was really free.

From the lower yard in San Quentin he had been able to see the "little house" on Mount Tamalpais. That turned out to be the peak's lookout station. He had never been on Mt. Tam before, and from the top of the mountain he could see into the lower yard at San Quentin, and felt tears as he recalled having been squeezed into a 4x9 foot cell. Walks to Mount Tamalpais led to longer excursions. He has walked the entire California coast from Canada to San Diego.

Moseman works as a tree trimmer, gets his jobs by word of mouth, and works just enough to take care of his small needs. lle is a vegetarian, and looks as healthy as many a man half his age. A woman friend talked him into joining the Interplay dance group in Oakland, which does storytelling in dance. He attends classes at San Francisco City College in English and writing. And always, he walks.

One day at the top of Mt. Tam he was overwhelmed by the beauty, and the size, of San Francisco Bay, yet when he looked it up on a map he saw that the Bay was just a speck compared to the Great Lakes.

In May, 1998, Moseman took a train to Boston and started walking back. That trip has given rise to a book that is still in the works, and a documentary produced by Nancy Brink and Jeff Gregory, of Independent Films in Redwood City The filmmakers, who had met Moseman at a performance of the dance company, met him at various points along the road. The film hasn't been released yet.

The film crew stayed with him for six days in Massachusetts. When he got to Lebanon, New York, there was a big bill-board that said "Welcome to New York." Then he realized that it was too big to comprehend being on the other side of the United States, so he decided he would just get up every day and walk, without a script and with no expectations. He walked through the Midwest and through northern Michigan and along the northern route to the West Coast. The trek took about six months.

The film crew met him in South Dakota, and again in Montana and Washington. Moseman wore out six pairs of tennis

shoes. He wore shorts and a light shirt, and carried a sleeping bag and a small pack with a change of clothes. It was one foot in front of another for 12-14 hours a day, stopping to talk to people, and sleeping wherever he was at the end of the day, sometimes in motels, and sometimes on the ground, with mosquitoes, woodchucks, coyotes and occasionally bven bears.

In Gomish, Washington, he stopped in a restaurant where there was a group of county road workers, gossiping and complaining, and spent quite some time talking, about his trip and his experiences along the way. Near the group there was a young woman, an intern with the highway department. Later on, she chased him down on the road and gave him an apple. They talked for two hours.

"For me that was the greatest gift," he says, "allowing people into my life, just being able to be there for people, whatever their energy was, whatever clicked with them. People are great mentors. You never know who is the teacher and who is the pupil."

Moseman covered 4,700 miles in six months in all kinds of weather. He avoided the big cities, walking mostly along the two-lane roads. From Seattle he walked to San Francisco. The thousand-mile trek seemed like nothing compared to what had come before.

Sometime around the end of this year he will start the cross-country walk again, this time to Boston and back. He expects to take nine months, walking both ways, starting on the southern route, and coming back when it's warmer along the northern route.

Moseman isn't walking for world peace,



DON MOSEMAN

or for a cure for a disease. He says, "I can do whatever I want. I can make things better, or I can make them worse. I try to keep my mind in a positive mode and don't let the dark side work. What a joy it is to be 60 and have incredible health. I'm happy with myself. I don't need things." Except for the feeling of space around him, of feeling life, of feeling free.



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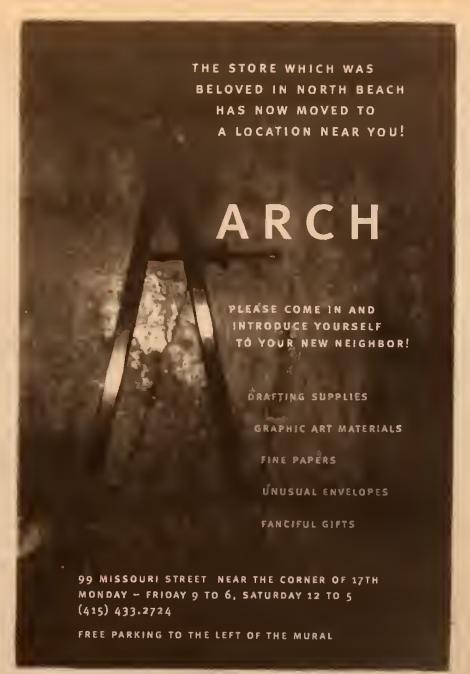
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CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY PELOSI will hold a neighborhood meeting on Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Everyone welcome!

FILMMAKER AND VIEW STAFFER Julia Segrove received top honors for her film, "Routine Disturbances," at San Francisco State University's 40th Annual Film Finals in the Cinema Department's student film showcase. Her film also received the Grand Prize in the IFILM-SFSU sponsored Online Film Festival.

LOCAL TEACHER TONY ALVITE (Potrero Hill Middle School) received a special award for his work in Service Learning in a low-key event held May 17 at City Hall. Tony is an ESL teacher, and has also developed a garden project at the school, where students grow vegetables which are then donated to local charities and food programs.

SOMARTS GALLERY WILL BE PRES-ENTING an exhibition of paintings, prints, collages and photos created by 17 artists of the San Francisco Bay Area, and Mexico and Belgium July 6-28, with a reception on July 15, 5-7 p.m. The Gallery is at 934 Brannan St., with gallery hours Tuesday to Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. For more info please call Carlos Loarca at 552-2131.

EXPERIMENT IN DIVERSITY at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House presents free monthly dinners and discussions about the ethnic group the students have studied each month. The June 29 dinner theme is Fiesta Filipina. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., and the general public is invited to attend. For more info call Douglas Brown, 826-8080 ext. 310.

THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD announces a Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program for the elderly and disabled. The filing period runs through August 31. To qualify, claimants must be at least 62, or be blind or totally disabled as of December 31, 1999. In addition, their income must have been \$33,993 or less in 1999. Qualified homeowners can receive \$14 to \$326.40. Renters can receive \$10 to \$240. The FTB has forms available at its website at www.ftb.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-338-0505.



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THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL 2000 will be held on two weekends this June. On June 10 the National Black Rodeo, at Bercuit Fiedl Arena, 41st Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park, will have events including bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback riding and others. The event begins at noon and lasts till 6 p.in. On June 17 and 18, at Kimball Park, Geary and Steiner, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be live entertainment featuring R&B Hall of Fame great Jimmy McCracklin, Lenny Williams (formerly lead singer of Tower of Power) and the lke Turner Revue. For more information call 928-0488 or 229-1220, or come by the festival office at 762 Fulton St.

BE THE WHEELS FOR A SENIOR. IF you have a car and a little time to spare why not put both to good use? Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFES) is seeking volunteers to drive seniors to medical appointments and grocery shopping. In only a couple of hours a week you can make a difference in someone's life. Call Debbi Goodman at JFCS at (415) 449-3832.

WHAT'S HOT IN NORTHEASTERN BOOK ARTS: The San Francisco Center for the Book, at 300 De Haro St., presents an exhibit of artist's books from the Northeastern States, 30 works by leading book artists. The exhibit runs from June 16 through Sept. 1, with an opening reception Fri., June 16, from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. For info call 565-0545.

WHAT GOES ON IN CALIFORNI PRIS-ONS? will be the featured topic at the meeting of the Gray Panthers of S.F. on Wed., June 20, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets. The meeting will present the award-winning video "Blind Eye to Justice," and Cynthia Chandler, director of Women's Positive Legal Action Network, who will discuss the current prison situation and possible action to be taken. Free and open to all. For more info about the Gray Panthers call 552-8800.

SIGN UP FOR TOURS OF THE MISSION BAY SITE, where UCSF is building its new 43-acre campus. Visitors can also stop at the Catellus Mission Bay Visitors' Center located at 255 Channel St. where they can view plans for the development of the entire 303-acre neighborhood. Tours begin at noon and end about 1:30 p.m. at the UCSF Library on the third Thursday of each month. This month the tour is scheduled for June 15. Reservations are required a week in advance. Call 476-4394.

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HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL WALK-ING TOUR along the Barbary Coast Trail will be led by Daniel Bacon on Saturday, June 24, at 10 a.m. Meet at the Benjamin Franklin statue in Washington Square, at Filbert and Union/Powell and Stockton streets. The public is welcome and no reservations are required. For more information, please call (415) 775-1111 ir www,sfgustirt,org

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING (NCOA) announces additional job training and placement services for San Francisco residents age 50 and above. The council has formed partnerships with local employers and job placement services. All services are provided at no cost. San Francisco residents are encouraged to visit the NCOA offices at 870 Market St., Suite 875, so that individual needs can be determined, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone 982-7007.

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THE PACIFIC RIM SCULPTORS GROUP is presenting an exhibit of the work of 19 student sculptors chosen from more than 100 submissions from schools from Santa Cruz to Davis, reviewed by Catherine Clark, a professional curator, to present a picture of the young and emerging Bay Area art scene. The works will be displayed in the lobby and sculpture courtyard at 600 Townsend, at 7th Street. The exhibition runs from June 8 through July 12. It is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For show info call Pam Dernhanı at (510) 530-2432. For more information on the Pacific Rim Sculptors Group call Connie Tell at (510) 236-PRSG.

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STATE POISON OFFICIALS WARN THAT rattlesnake encounters are on the rise. During April, the California Poison System (CPCS) recorded more than 40 cases of rattlesnake bites. Treatment should be given in an emergency department. The traditional first aid remedies such as cutting the wound, dunking the injured part in ice, using a tourniquet, or attempting to suck out the venom, can all worsen the injury, CPCS can be reached from anywhere in the state at 1-800-876-4766.

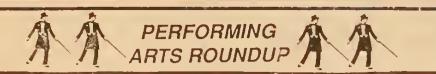
THIRD ANNUAL PRIDE RIDE BENEFIT, a motorcycle ride to fight AIDS, in celebration of Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgender Pride month, sponsored by Shanti, Sun., June 11. Registration is \$25 per person, and includes the ride and Eagle Cycle Party, a commemorative patch and 250 American Airlines miles. Riders will meet starting at noon at the Eagle Tavern, 398-12th St., and will then cruise throughout the city. For registration call Shanti at (415) 674-4720 or c-mail rperri@shanti.org

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A new musical, "Gaveston," composed by Christopher Winslow, is presented at St. Gregory Nyssen Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa Streets, weekends Junc 15-24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more info call 648-8439.



No Exile Productions & Footloose present "Don't Look, Don't Ask" at Venue 9, June 15 - July 1, Thursdays through Saturdays. This solo theater piece features music and songs. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. There is one Sunday matinee on June 25, at 2 p.m. The show is written and performed by Ingeborg Weinmann under the directorial consultant Dan Chumley. The play takes a look at the heritage of the Holocaust and its effects on the descendants of Hitler's supporters, based on interviews with the author's mother and grandmother and their experience of growing up in the shadow of Nazi Germany. For more info call (510) 528-7764. Presented at Venue 9, 252 Ninth St. (between Folsom & Howard Sts.),



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Summer in the City at Theater Artaud presents John Santos and The Machete Ensemble; The Mark Foehringer Dance Project;SF Butoh Project;and other renowned groups, beginning July and ending in August. The seventh annual AfroSolo Theatre Company takes the stage Aug. 23-27, highlighting eight local artists who speak to the Black experience through solo performances. All shows take place at 450 Florida St. Call 621-7797 for tickets and other information.

Genghis Productions presents "N. A Play for None and All," July 27-29, and Aug. 3-6, at the ODC Theater, 3153-17th St. @ Shotwell. This new play, written, scored and directed by Howard D. Hain, is a "surreal exploration of truth, intuition and passion through dialogue, music and dance," and is set amongst the cultural prejudices surrounding pre-World War I Germany, roughly tracing the life of the controversial German philosopher Fredich Nietzsche (1844-1900). Tickets are \$18. Call 863-9834 for more info.



New Langton Arts presents "Les Masquerades," an original French farce by kenn Adams, on Bastille Day, July 14, and weekends through August 6. New Langton is located at 1246 Folsom St., bet. 8th & 9th Streets. For tickets call 621-7797.



Yaelisa and Caminos Flamencos Dance Company present "Ritmos" at the ODC Theater, 3153-17th St. @ Shotwell, July 19-23, at 8 p.m. And, also at ODC, is "The Horse's Mouth Greets the New Millennium" A celebration of Life in Dance, at its theater, 3153-17th St. Included in the program during this short run are some of the S.F. Bay Area's top modern and ballet dancer/choreographers, including Robert Moses, Wayne Hazzaerd, Margaret Jenkins, Nancy Karp, K.T. Nelson, Kimi Okada, Deborah Slater, Joe Goode, June Watanabe and Brenda Way. Tickets are \$15. For more info call 863-9834.



And last but not least: The S.F. Mime Troupe presents its annual free performances in the park during the summer: Dolores Park, July 1 - 4, and Sept. 2 - 4; and at Washington square Park on Sunday, July 23; at Yerba Buena Gardens on Aug. 20. Shows begin at 2 p.m., with music beginning 1:30 p.m. Call 285-1717 for more info.





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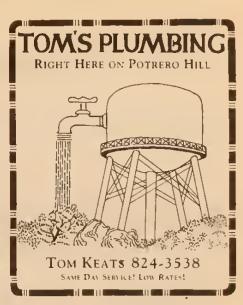
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BOOKSIGNING JUNE 14

Guide to Salmon Fishing From Hill Author Goddard

Longtime Potrero Hill resident Greg Goddard has written a book on salmon, which takes the reader from dock to the dinner table, in "King Salmon: A guide to Salmon Fishing in California.'

Goddard's love of fishing does not exclude his concern for the environment. and that is an issue he also covers in the book, especially in chapters dealing with the "Future of Salmon: Drought, Hatcheries, Protection of the Environment."

"I have brought my extensive fishing experience, scientific training, and writ-

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ing abilities to produce this informative book on how to catch and appreciate salmon," the author writes.

Goddard, Dental Director of a San Francisco clinic serving the Native American community, also works one day a week at the University of California in the Center for Orofacial Pain.

A slide show and book signing event takes place at Old First Presbyterian Church (at Sacramento Street and Van Ness Avenue), June 14 at 7 p.m.

The book is published by Paradise Cay Publications, P.O. Box 29, Arcata, Ca. 95518-0029, and is available at Christopher's Books on Potrero Hill.



Author Greg Goddard with a freshly-caught salmon.

Twenty Candles for Jewish Film Fest

Celebrating two decades of spotlighting the cinematic diversity and vitality of Jewish culture around the world, the 20th San Francisco Jewish Film Festival runs July 20-27 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro Street in San Francisco as well as other Bay Area locations. With more than 35 films from 12 countries, a retrospective exhibition of movies with musical accompaniment, a groundbreaking collaboration with the Arab Film Festival, and an expanded website, the Festival continues to offer adventuresome local and international films.

As always the Festival continues to offer challenging points of view. Included this year are Daniel Anker and Barak Goodman's riveting documentary "Scottsboro: an American Tragedy," about the Scottsboro 9 and Samuel Liebowitz, the Jewish lawyer who tried to defend them in 1930s

Alabama: and Lori Cheatle. Steven Fishler. Joel Sucher, and Martin Taub's "From Swastika to Jim Crow," a revealing look at German-Jewish intellectual relugees who found homes at Southern colleges during segregation.

In a pioneering effort with Cinemayaat: The Arab Film festival, the Jewish Film Festival will present two films. Return to Oujda and "Diogenes Ansar 3." The telling which examines detention camps where young Palestinians were jailed in the Negev Desert during the late 80s. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers as well as with Israeli and Palestinian journalists. Charlotte Szlovak's "Return to Oujda" is a cinematic journey back in time to a Moroccan city where Jews and Muslims lived as a deeply connected community.

Advance series and group ticket rates are available. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Tickets for seniors, students and disabled are \$5.50 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. For ticket information, please telephone the Festival at 925-866-9559. Or visit the Jewish Film Festival website at www.sfjff.org.

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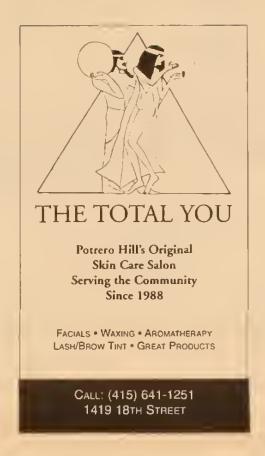
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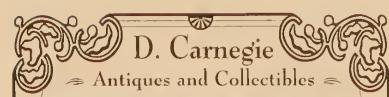
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